



**St. Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, October 10, 2012
8:15 – 10am @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Chris Tolbert, Toni Carter, Carol Dawson, Jane Eastwood (departed 9:30), Victoria Reinhardt (departed 9:25), Jackie Turner

Others Present: Christa Anders and Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co- Coordinators), Mike Hagen (St. Paul – Ramsey County Public Health – Fiscal Agent, joined 8:45), Tom Evers (Executive Director of Playworks Twin Cities)

Meeting called to order by Eastwood at 8:20 am.

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Dawson lit the Children's fire by reading three poems, from the point of view of teachers and students, about how the education system needs to change to better engage and prepare our young people for success in life.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the September 12, 2012 meeting and accept the information contained in the September update from Advance Consulting. Motion approved.

III. Learn, Grow Thrive Grantee: Playworks

Tom Evers, Executive Director of Playworks Twin Cities, gave the Board an overview of the work going on supported by the SPCC's Learn, Grow, Thrive grant. As noted in the Advance Consulting update, there have been some changes in the implementation of the Learn, Grow, Thrive grant activities. It appears that American Indian Magnet will re-launch the Playworks program in January of 2013. The Board discussed extending the timeline for SPCC grant, specifically to support Playworks in AIM. The Board would like Advance Consulting to work with Playworks to bring a recommendation to the Board at the November meeting.

IV. Youth Master Plan Update and Action

There was a discussion of future plans for the SPCC's commitment to summer learning loss prevention. In summer 2012, the SPCC provided \$300,000 in funding for summer learning loss prevention, through the two Freedom School sites. The question for the SPCC today is whether/how to stay engaged in summer learning loss prevention in 2013. One key question is whether it makes sense to have two or more organizations running Freedom School (SPACC and Promise Neighborhood and perhaps other), or try to coordinate the infrastructure. SPPS strongly supports Freedom School. Promise Neighborhood is also strongly supportive of the program. There is a role for SPCC to convene a conversation about next steps. There was also discussion about whether SPCC would be willing to entertain a request for Freedom School funding for summer 2013. The Board is interested in having Advance Consulting facilitate a discussion with partners about Freedom School planning for the future.

There was an update on Strive, including debriefing on the September 27th briefing by United Way. Turner, on behalf of SPCC, expressed concern about the vision of Strive, which is not explicit enough about the need to focus on race, as opposed to socio-economic status. The SPCC needs to stay committed to formalizing the focus on race.

The Youth Master Plan focus areas are still up for discussion. Advance Consulting met with the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board to do some joint strategizing about how the Youth Master Plans in each city can align with Strive, and how we can use the Master Plans to drive change in program and policy, using the leverage of our boards. There was a discussion about a possible focus on early childhood screening by age three across both cities. Mary Yackley at SPPS would be the contact to explore this issue further.

One of the strengths of the SPCC is that we are not focused solely on academics, but look at the holistic development of children and youth.

V. Board Vice Chair Position Nomination

Community representative to the SPCC Board Carolyn Brown's term expires in December. She has not been attending Board meetings, so when her term expires, the Board needs to nominate a new community representative to the Board, who will serve as an alternate.

Gill's term as Secretary and Carter's term as Treasurer both expire December 2012, when they will have finished their second one year term.

The nominating committee should come to the December board meeting with nominees for those three spots.

Advance Consulting, Dawson and Boyd met with Robert McClain to explore the possibility of his being part of the SPCC Technical Support team. They recommend his involvement in the Tech Team, and potentially a future board member.

The Board suggested the following people as potential nominees: Kalee (member of Promise Neighborhood Board), Emmanuel Donaby, Robert McClain, Sia Her.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

- Presentation by CDF-MN staff on their 2013 legislative agenda.
- Presentation by Ann DeGroot, Executive Director, Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

**Next Board Meeting is: November 14, 2012, 8:15 – 10:00 am
Community Action Partnership of Ramsey & Washington Counties**



TO: St. Paul Children's Collaborative Board
FROM: Christa Anders and Laurie Davis
DATE: October 3, 2012
SUBJECT: September 2012 Update

A new school year is underway, which means our school-focused Learn, Grow, Thrive grantees are also in full swing. It's been a busy month!

Learn, Grow, Thrive Grantees

Playworks

We recently received word from Tom Evers, Executive Director of Playworks (2012-13 Learn, Grow, Thrive grantee) that there were some unexpected changes to their grant-funded activities. Since Tom will be at the October 10th SPCC Board meeting, we wanted to provide you with an overview of the changes in advance, to allow time to digest this information and bring any questions to the meeting.

Playworks was awarded \$36,000, with \$16K allocated to the 2012-13 school year, and \$20K for the 2013-14 school year. They proposed to serve four SPPS schools with those funds: Maxfield, Jackson, American Indian Magnet and Wellstone. Over the summer, Playworks found out that American Indian Magnet and Jackson Elementary declined to contract with Playworks for programming for the 2012-2013 school year. This was despite every indication at the time of our grant agreement that those schools would be part of Playworks this current school year. Because Playworks depends on the commitment and buy-in from the principal and staff, there was nothing Playworks could do to change those decisions. American Indian Magnet now has a new principal who is familiar with the Playworks model and interested in re-starting the program there. We have encouraged them to explore the possibility of implementing Playworks mid-year this year, if possible. Tom will provide an update on these discussions on October 10.

Currently, Playworks is serving five schools in Saint Paul (Wellstone, Maxfield, Riverview, Battle Creek and The Heights Community School). In total they are reaching 2379 students: 36% African American; 29% Hispanic, 22% Asian, 12% White, and 1.2% Native American. The original Playworks proposal to SPCC indicated they would serve the following target population: approximately 33% African American, 25% Hispanic, 22% Asian, 17% Caucasian, and 5% Native American.

Playworks understands this is a significant change from the proposal they originally submitted to SPCC. Tom Evers looks forward to discussing the Playworks program and the SPCC grant on

October 10th. Please feel free to bring your questions, concerns and suggestions to the October 10th board meeting.

Frogtown Summit University Hub

We have been working with Frogtown Summit University Hub partners to better understand the work they are doing and also to encourage them to submit their late project update report. A report was received on October 3 and will be sent as part of the Board packet. We have had conversations and/or email exchanges with Christina McCoy from the YWCA, Gevonee Ford from NdCAD, Angelique Kedim from the Promise Neighborhood, Atum Azzahir from the Cultural Wellness Center and Wilder fiscal agent staff. The Frogtown Summit University and Promise Neighborhood partners continue to work on intake issues, referral processes, and data management. We have asked to be part of the next Promise Neighborhood “Anchor Partner” meeting to talk about about the work scope and responsibilities of the FSU partners. See report for more details.

Youth Master Planning

Strive

Sarah Caruso, Executive Director of Greater Twin Cities United Way, along with Jane Eastwood and Ann DeGroot, convened a briefing on Strive for elected officials from St. Paul and Minneapolis on September 27. Thanks to the many SPCC Board members who attended. We'll discuss the content and how it relates to the SPCC Youth Master Plan at the October 10th meeting. The PowerPoint is also included as part of the board packet. Please let us know if you'd like a hard copy.

Technical Support Team

The Tech Team met on September 20. Janine Moore, Area Manager for Ramsey County Children and Family Services, came to the meeting to discuss a change in Ramsey County regarding how Ramsey County Corrections and Human Services staff will handle children/youth who commit a criminal offense or delinquent act. Previously, if the child or the family was involved in social services in the two years preceding the offense, then the child would be directed to Human Services. Children who were not involved with social services would be directed to Corrections. The resources, approaches and services were different and so children and families got different treatment. Now, all truants and runaways will be served by Human Services. All other youth who commit chargeable crimes will be handled by Corrections. Both will jointly work with the “cross-over” youth who fit both categories.

Kari Denissen provided the Tech Team with an update on City Span, the Out-of-School Time database. There are currently over 20 organizations entering data into City Span. Wilder is doing aggregate data work and Wilder and Sprocket staff provide technical assistance to the organizations using City Span. They would like to bring in many more organizations more quickly. St Paul Public Schools is providing aggregate data on things like MCA, MAP, Mondo scores and attendance. The Sprockets model will be spreading to Minneapolis and is also having conversations about how best to align with Strive. One concern of folks who work in out-of-school time programs is how to quantify some of the non-academic qualities that are being taught and modeled.

SPCC Administration

SPCC Website

From September 1 - 30, 2012, there were 387 unique visitors to the St. Paul Children's Collaborative webpage, viewing a total of 641 pages. This is an increase over last month. We continue to try to keep the site current and add content. We continue to add resources to the Evidence Based Practices section. Please let us know if there are additional resources we can add.

Community Representative for Technical Support Team

Mary K Boyd, community representative on the SPCC Board, has been advocating having a community member on the Technical Support Team. Roger Banks, from the Council on Black Minnesotans, had been serving as a community representative but has not been at meetings for quite some time. Carol Dawson, Mary K Boyd and Christa Anders met with Robert McClain on October 3rd to discuss the possibility of Mr. McClain serving on the Tech Team. He has been an active member of the African American Leadership Council, the St. Paul Civilian Review Board, the NAACP, and the Urban League.

Networking

We met with staff from the Children's Defense Fund on October 4, 2012 (Amy Crawford, Executive Director, Kara Arzamendia, Research Director, and Nichole Hernandez, Program Coordinator for Freedom Schools). We shared our Youth Master Plan data, discussed how our work overlapped with their efforts and made plans for subsequent conversations about the future of Freedom Schools, evidence based practices, joint advocacy and health coverage. They, too, are having conversations about how their work, particularly Kids Count, fits into a Strive framework for the Twin Cities.

Advance Consulting met with Ann DeGroot, Executive Director of the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board (the Minneapolis family service collaborative, similar to SPCC) to discuss their Youth Master Planning work and ideas.

Coming Up:

- Technical Support Team – October 18, 2012
- LCTS Partnership Board – October 17, 2012

Please contact Christa Anders (612.920.0574) or Laurie Davis (612.285.2773) with any questions on this update or an